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SUBJ: VISA FOR AEROFLOT EMPLOYEE

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1. EMBOFF CALLED MFA USA DIVISION CONTACT (GUROV) DEC 20 TO RELAY SALIENT POINTS OF REFTEL, NOTING THAT DEPARTMENT HAD NOT REPLIED TO SOV EMBASSY NOTE OF AUGUST 9 AND THUS NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN CONCLUDED. EMBOFF FURTHER STATED THAT STRICT ADHERENCE BY AEROFLOT TO EXISTING AGREEMENTS-- PARTICULARLY REGARDING ISSUANCE OF TICKETS TO SOVIET CITIZENS AND FOREIGN RESIDENTS FOR FLIGHTS NOT ORIGINATING IN MOSCOW-- WOULD DOUBTLESS HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON DEPARTMENT'S DECISION OF WHETHER TO AGREE ON INCREASE IN AEROFLOT STAFF CEILING TO TEN.

2. GUROV IN REPLY PROTESTED THAT VERBAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED, CONDITIONAL ONLY ON SOVIET SIDE ASSURING HOUSING FOR FUTURE PAN AM REP IN LENINGRAD. SOVIETS HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES ON THAT POINT, HE STATED, AND NOW US WISHES TO FURTHER COMPLICATE MATTER. EMBOFF REPEATED THAT NO FORMAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED AND ENDED CONVERSATION BY REQUESTING GUROV TO PASS ON THIS INFORMATION TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

3. EMBASSY PLANS TO RETAIN ZAKHAROV PASSPORT AND VISA REQUEST FOR TIME BEING TO ALLOW MFA OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND
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